

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 are presently pending in the above-identified patent application. No claim is allowed.

Claim 1 has been rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Merrill. Claims 2-3 have been objected to as depending from rejected base claims. The examiner has indicated that claims 2 and 3 would be allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim.

By this Amendment, claim 1 has been amended to include all of the limitations of claim 2. It is respectfully submitted that this amendment to claim 1 results in a claim having exactly the same scope as if claim 2 was amended to include all of the limitations of claim 1. It is respectfully asserted that claim 1, as amended is presently allowable. Claim 2 has been canceled.

Claim 3 has been amended to depend from amended claim 1. Because claim 1 is now allowable, it is respectfully asserted that claim 3 is allowable because it depends directly from claim 1.

Claims 22-28 are newly presented. Support for newly-presented claims 22-28 is found throughout the specification and, *inter alia*, in FIG. 2.

Each of claims 22-28 depends, either directly or indirectly from claim 1. Because claim 1 is now allowable, it is respectfully submitted that claims 22-28 are also allowable.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this application, the Examiner may telephone the undersigned at 775-586-9500.

Respectfully submitted,
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